

ANTIGUA: A Small Place, An Everyday Place

"In a small place, people cultivate small events. The small event is isolated, blown up, turned over and over, and then absorbed into the everyday, so that at any moment it can and will roll off the inhabitants of the small place's tongues." –from Jamaica Kincaid's essay *A Small Place*

"There was the library on lower High Street, above the Department of the Treasury....In that part of High Street, you could cash a cheque at the Treasury, read a book in the library, post a letter at the post office."

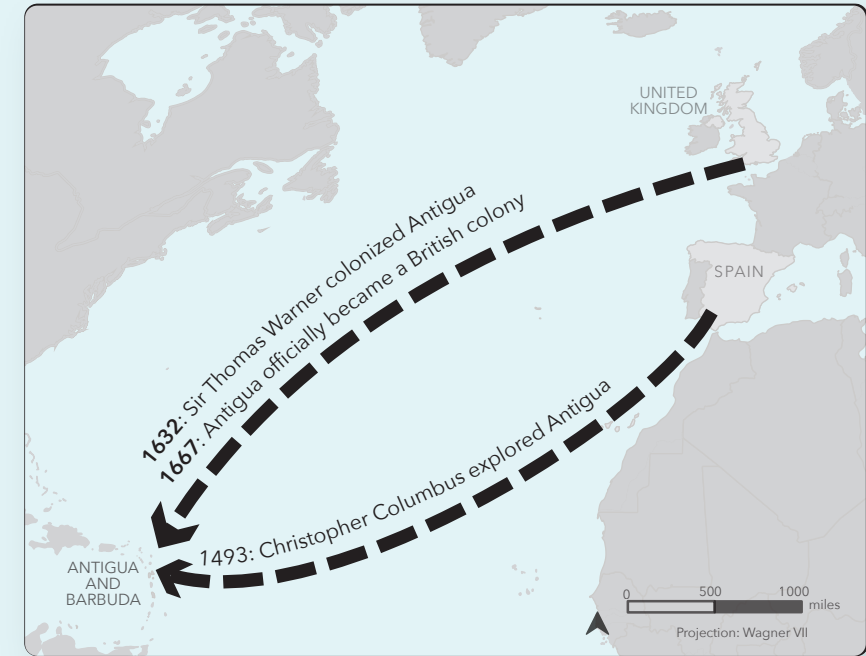
Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute
"An institution that is often celebrated in Antigua is the Hotel Training School, a school that teaches Antiguan how to be good servants, how to be a good nobody, which is what a servant is."

TRAVEL AND TOURISM'S ECONOMIC IMPACT, 2017
51.8% – total contribution to GDP
13.0% – direct contribution to GDP
38.8% – indirect contribution to GDP
46.1% – contribution to employment

Antigua, like much of the Caribbean, serves as a major destination for European and American vacationers. Though tourism dominates the local economy, whether directly through resorts, airlines, or cruiseships, or indirectly through restaurant and retail services, the small island's residents, too, need social infrastructure. Theirs is represented here.

"Even though all the beaches in Antigua are by law public beaches, Antiguan are not allowed on the beaches of this hotel; they are stopped at the gate by guards; and soon the best beaches in Antigua will be closed to Antiguan."

-  Church
-  School
-  Post Office
-  Government Building
-  Hospital
-  Library
-  Private Beach



"Again, Antigua is a small place, a small island. It is nine miles wide by twelve miles long. It was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493....Eventually, the masters left, in a kind of way; eventually, the slaves were freed, in a kind of way."



The United States, United Kingdom, and Canada account for over 75% of tourist arrivals to Antigua. Canadian arrivals to Antigua increased by 66% between 2017 and 2018.